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For: BIODEGRADABLE FILM HAVING HONEYCOMB STRUCTURE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith. Also, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of two Communications from a foreign patent office in counterpart applications citing such documents: (1) Japanese Office Action for JPA No. 2005-505315, dated September 1, 2009 and (2) Japanese Office Action for JPA No. 2006-022365, dated September 29, 2009.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), and therefore Applicant is filing concurrently herewith a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations: English language abstracts, submitted herewith, constitute concise statements of relevance for JP 2002-335949, JP 60-014861 and JP 11-192299. JP 2000-514457 listed in the September 1, 2009 Japanese Office Action is unavailable and thus corresponding English language document WO 9802171 A1 is submitted as a replacement.

Complete English translations of the other foreign language documents submitted herewith are being filed concurrently herewith, and thus no concise explanation is required for those foreign language documents.

JP 2001-157574, JP 2000-197693 and JP 2002-347107 cited in one or both of the Japanese Office Actions were previously submitted to the USPTO for consideration on October 11, 2005, October 11, 2005 and April 23, 2008, respectively, and thus are not being submitted again.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not

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The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

That each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement.

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